

HOUSE BILL No. 1696

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-21-7.7.

Synopsis: Immunizations by hospitals. Requires a hospital to offer to immunize a patient who is at least 65 years of age against the influenza virus and the pneumococcal disease during specified times. Requires a hospital to adopt an immunization policy concerning influenza and pneumococcal disease. Allows the state health commissioner to waive the immunization requirements if there is a shortage of the immunizations.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-21-7.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]:

4 **Chapter 7.7. Immunizations for Elderly Patients Admitted to**
5 **Hospital**

6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a hospital patient who:**

7 (1) has been admitted to a hospital; and

8 (2) is at least sixty-five (65) years of age.

9 **Sec. 2. For the period beginning September 1 and ending April**
10 **1 of the following year, a hospital shall offer to immunize a patient**
11 **described in section 1 of this chapter against the following:**

12 (1) Influenza virus.

13 (2) Pneumococcal disease.

14 **Sec. 3. A hospital licensed under this article shall adopt an**
15 **immunization policy concerning influenza and pneumococcal**
16 **disease that includes the following:**

17 (1) Identification of patients who are at least sixty-five (65)

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years of age and other patients the hospital determines are at risk.

(2) A procedure for offering the immunizations described in section 2 of this chapter upon the admission or discharge of a patient described in subdivision (1) for the period beginning September 1 and ending April 1 of the following year.

(3) A procedure for providing a patient or the patient's guardian with information describing the risks and benefits of the immunizations.

(4) A standing order policy approved by the hospital's medical director or other appropriate physician that includes an assessment for contraindications.

(5) A system for documenting:

(A) the administration of an immunization;

(B) medical contraindications;

(C) patient refusals; and

(D) any postimmunization adverse events.

Sec. 4. The state health commissioner may waive any of the requirements of this chapter if there is a shortage of either of the immunizations specified in section 2 of this chapter.

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